

**AGENDA ITEM:** Statewide Information Databases

**GENERAL OVERALL PROGRAM UPDATES:**

**CURRENT STATUS:**

A. Librarians' Index to the Internet (LII)

The advisory board met again in January. The LII website ([www.lii.org](http://www.lii.org)) now has an attribution and link to the Library of California on the opening screen as well as in the usual support statement area at the bottom of the opening page.

Exhibit A provides a summary of statistics on accesses to the web site by the fifteen libraries that have co-branded with the LII. During the last quarter of 2000 requests averaged over 1 million per month.

The LII has received several solicitations from other library organizations seeking agreements to incorporate LII content into their local or organizational services. Staff are working to determine how these additional requests can be met without any reduction in the services and staff resources for the Library of California. Reimbursement to the LII for any services that cannot be separated from Library of California funding is one process that will be explored. LII Advisory Board members wish to be able to accommodate non-LoC requests with the knowledge and support of the Board.

B. Arroyo Seco Cooperative Purchase Pilot

The Arroyo Seco Planning region steering committee for the full text cooperative licensing arrangement met on November 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> in Los Angeles. The committee reviewed project goals, technologies and standards, financial models, infrastructure requirements and database product evaluation and selection. The consultant has created and sent out a library survey to gather data for a decision making process. The next meeting of the group will be on February 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. A vendor demonstration event is scheduled for late March.

C. Statewide Information Database Licensing

Several regions have initiated activities in cooperative licensing of electronic resources. The Arroyo Seco region grant for a cooperative license as mentioned earlier is in progress. Golden Gateway has informed members of an opportunity for a history resources cooperative license. The experiences from these processes should help to fashion the extent and type of activities to be incorporated in regional plans of service for next fiscal year.

The table following provides an overview of options for cooperative licensing for the LoC for next year:

	Regional Cooperative Licensing	Inter-Regional Cooperation	Use of National Network (BCR, AMIGOS)	Use of State Level Agent	Create State Licensing Office.
Region Role	Establish mechanism for cooperative licensing, perform or contract for fiscal agency.	Agrees with other region(s) to purchase collectively	Provide information to member libraries, individual libraries utilize agreements as needed.	Contract with state entity to act as fiscal agent and negotiator if necessary.	Work with state office to provide guidance on the needs of members.
State Role	Provide information and support.	Provide information and support to all regions on what activities are underway.	Reach agreement with national networks to provide common pricing arrangements for all LoC libraries.	Provide information on possible agents, coordinate communication and monitor relationship.	Develop budget and scope of work for services to be provided. Create proposal in consultation with regions.
Cost Model	Borne by region and libraries participating in cooperative purchase.	Borne by each region creating licensing opportunity, may share cost with other regions or participating libraries.	Borne by individual library, state membership may be paid by LoC.	Borne by each library and/or region(s).	LoC funding for establishing office, future costs may be borne by users of service (service fee).
PRO	Direct communication with libraries, reflects needs of each region.	Avoids duplication of effort, direct contact with library.	Provides expertise and potential large aggregate volume benefits.	Possible coordination with other state orgs, reduces need for regional licensing activities.	LoC needs addressed directly, close relationship with regions, reduces need for regional licensing activities.
CON	May duplicate efforts by other regions, expertise and experience may not be available.	May complicate communications and coordination.	May dilute pool of libraries for local or state aggregated licensing, may not respond to needs of California.	Indirect communication with libraries, cost of fiscal agent.	Indirect communication with libraries, cost of negotiator, support and fiscal agent.

Staff will work in preparation for the April Board meeting to discern the regions' interest in these options. Creation of a statewide licensing office might be deferred until the following year allowing the regions to develop good working

communications with members on their licensing needs and how best to address those in context of regional and state funding.

D. Regional Trial Database Projects

The trial database projects funded by the Regional Library Network grants continue through June 30, 2001. Continuation of subscriptions to the various databases will need to be discussed by the regions in the context of 2001-2002 funding and the desire of libraries to provide partial or full funding.

E. LoC Periodicals/Serials Database

The second quarterly report shows sixty eight libraries' serial holdings are currently being processed, one hundred twenty eight were awaiting processing as of October 2000.

The serials service bureau will be furnished with contact information for all of the LoC members. Regions will be furnished with a description of services available to them from the serials service bureau and information on use of the database hosted by the University of California's California Digital Library (<http://www.dbs.cdlib.org/?CSdb=pe>).

An advisory committee of interested librarians from the regions will be created to plan for the future of the LoC Periodicals/Serials database. This group will need to address the need for coordination of electronic journal information in the serials database and review changes taking place in the University of California's California Digital Library hosting capabilities.

F. RAND California Cooperative Licensing

Forty-three libraries have subscribed at reduced rates through the LoC fiscal agent, the Metropolitan Cooperative Library System.

**RELATED ISSUE TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD IN THE FUTURE:** Development of cooperative licensing program at the regional and state level.

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